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GOLD AND BLUE
PROSPECTS WORK
IN CHEAT CAMPWest Virginia's Squad Now
Contains Webster
and Rogers

14 OLD MEN ARE BACK

New Men Are Showing
Well In Daily Prac-
tice

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Sept. 16.—There is gloom no longer in the West Virginia University football camp on Cheat river. The arrival of the last of the doubtful veterans, Webster and Rogers, dispelled the clouds and now the skies are clear and rosy. Last week there were but ten candidates at the preseason practice grounds. The middle of this week found more than enough for two teams on the roster and 14 of the names were those of veterans.

In camp for the last days are Captain Curry, Rodgers, Hite, King, Chas. Curry, Lattimer, Harry Anderson, Hager, Brooks, Bailey, Webster, Brannon, Ice and Henrie, all veterans and the following new men: Moore of Philippi, Rhodes of Point Marion, L. S. Anderson of Charleston, Mills of Keyser, Joseph of Wheeling, Williams of Wellsburg, Brady of Washington, D. C., Shunk of Morgantown and L. O. Taylor of Ritchie county. Hutchinson, a veteran end, is ill with a severe cold at his home in Fairmont, but will probably be able to begin practice Monday. Northcott is in the National Guard camp at Ft. Belvoir, and will report as soon as he is discharged. Allen has been unable to leave his summer work in the government engineering service but will report in Morgantown next week, and Newman, another veteran, will be in for practice Monday.

About two-thirds of the men now in training camp are in condition to stand scrimmage work and the first scrimmage will be held this afternoon. The remainder will be ready for real football in a few days. The most promising candidates will get at least ten days of scrimmage before the opening game with Pennsylvania in Philadelphia on September 30.

The two practice a day schedule has been followed out faithfully and the workouts have been made harder and harder. Tackling and line boxing and

blocking have been emphasized during the past several days. Two teams have been running signals since Wednesday. There will be one scrimmage a day from now on.

Manager Cronin and Assistant Manager Ewey returned to Morgantown Friday to oversee the work of putting the finishing touches on the athletic field and to arrange for the return of the squad. It was not known last night whether the squad would leave Mont Chateau Inn Sunday or remain for a final workout in the mountains Monday.

Most of the new men are showing up well but as yet they are all of unknown calibre. Rhodes is six feet five inches tall and weighs 235 pounds. An effort will be made to make him a tackle that will pair up well with the veteran Webster who is six feet four and who weighs 215. Bailey is working at center and promises to fill Lamberts place in a manner that will be more than a credit to Paddle himself so there is one tackle position open for Rhodes or any other man that can make good. L. S. Anderson is very light but he is a 10 second man and is showing up well at end. Jasper is another end aspirant who has the looks and apparent ability of a corner. Williams passes and runs beautifully and has a magnificent build. Moore works like he will become a good line man and Mills is a promising back field man. Taylor is wiry and aggressive in the line. Brady is not heavy but he is game and capable. Shunk is a beginner. All the veterans appear better than ever.

Taken all in all, prospects for the Varsity eleven are really growing brighter and brighter every day and West Virginia should have a great season.

Monongah-Clarksburg
At Traction Park

MONONGAH Sept. 16.—One of the best games of the season is expected to take place tomorrow afternoon at Traction park when the strong Clarksburg Independents will meet the local nine. Some few weeks ago the teams met in a thrilling ten inning game with the local team finally winning. Earlier in the season another game was played with a 2-1 victory for Monongah. The Monongah team will be reinforced tomorrow by the addition of Dick Talbot and Lee King to their line-up. Both are local boys who will be given a try out in the American league at the opening of the coming season.

His Unique Proposal.
He was a "world youth and a nervous lover. Often had he wished to tell the maiden how he longed to make her all his own. Again and again had there was a "do-or-die" look in his eye. They started for their usual walk, and rested awhile upon his favorite seat—a gravestone in the village churchyard. A happy inspiration seized him. "Maria," he said in trembling accents—"Maria! When you die—how should you like to be buried here with my name on the stone over you?"—London Opinion.

WOMAN COACHES FOOTBALL TEAM



(By HAROLD JOHNSON.)
"She doesn't believe in woman suffrage and is not the masculine or athletic type of woman. She weighs only 116 pounds and dances well. She believes the team that fights the hardest wins in football and she never gives up. She is Irish and French in descent, which probably accounts for this attitude."

The above, written by Earl W. Brannon, director of athletics at Jonesboro (Ark.) Agricultural college, is a tribute to his wife, who, before she married, was Miss Cosette McManis, graduate of the University of Nebraska, and now enjoying the distinction of being the only woman football coach in America.

Mrs. Brannon has entered upon her duties as coach of the second eleven at the Jonesboro Agricultural college and already has developed a team that promises to make things warm for their opponents on Dixie gridirons.

I asked Mrs. Brannon to tell her methods of coaching and running a football eleven. She modestly referred me to her husband, who has been assistant principal at "gridiron" tactics.

"Mrs. Brannon has been assisting me in an informal way for two years. This fall will be the first season that she has actually had charge of one of the teams," said Mr. Brannon. "She brings in scouting hints gathered by our prospective rivals and in the process proved to have an excellent conception of the essentials of football. She has an unusual ability to pick out the weak places in the formation of a play, which I have found very valuable in many different ways. For instance, when our formations and plays are yet untried experiments, she is able to select the effective one from the weaker ones. She also has made many valuable suggestions which have enabled me to strengthen unsuccessful plays into successful ones."

After learning some of the methods used by her opponents, she is usually able to put her finger on the weakness of this gives us con-

"HACK" SPENCER, TIGERS' CATCHER, MAN WHO REALLY CAME BACK!



(By HAROLD JOHNSON.)

Detroit's chances to cop the American league pennant are not wholly centered about the daily exploits of Ty Cobb!

While the flashy Georgian, now in the midst of a sensational batting spree, is performing miracles for the Tigers in their race with Boston's Red Sox, the fans are not overlooking the work of a broad-shouldered, amply fleshed athlete, variously known as "Tubby" or "Hack."

I might label this story of the man who came back. For "Tubby" or "Hack," or Edward Spencer, to give his true moniker, undoubtedly is the most remarkable "comeback" in the history of baseball.

Ten years ago "Hackenschmidt"—so nicknamed because of his portly physique and resemblance in build to the famous Russian Hon., donned a St. Louis uniform. He was a star from the initial bell. Two years later he was traded to the Boston Americans. There he became a great favorite. Popularly known as "Hack," he was a popular figure in the city. He was not only a player, but a manager, and was of no use to his team. He took to drink, went from bad to worse and, in a short time, disappeared. Soon he was forgotten.

Months later Spencer, a bedraggled

hobo showed up in St. Louis. His father, an estimable man, found him. He told the prodigal to go to a lumber camp in northern California. Two weeks of the fresh crisp air brought about a change. It made him think. He made a resolution—to go back and face the music again.

Leaving the logging camp he worked a while as a salmon fisherman. Later he held a job for six weeks as bartender in a rough-and-ready place in Crescent City, Cal. He wanted to assure himself that his craving for liquor had been completely cured. It was.

From the big-tree country "Hack" journeyed down to Venice, Cal. He

got a job as catcher on the Pacific Coast league club there. His eye was bright, his arm like a whip. Once more he was a great catcher.

Scouts for Detroit heard of the comeback. Hugh Jennings bought him. Baseball's wisecracks shook their heads in doubt, but Jennings knew.

Spencer today is one of the most valuable athletes in the game. I saw him hit a ball over Tris Speaker's head the other day, and the way "Big Ed" raced from the plate to third base on the drive convinced me that his comeback was complete.

If any ball player wants to know of the temptations that beset a big leaguer he should talk to this intelligent young giant.

SPORT NOTES

The statistics to date show that Chairman Vance McCormick has not only outplayed but outplayed Chairman Wilcox.

Collars now sell for 15 cents straight instead of two for a quarter. Just another case of the consumer getting it in the neck.

Chess has played hob with the football situation at West Point. Only 25 cadets turned out to seek jobs on the Army eleven.

Glimpsing Oscar Stanage's average for base stealing one gathers the impression that as a base stealer Osk is just as speedy as a houseboat.

Those Robins are game birds but a lot of wise baseball gents think they're flying too high.

Indoor skating rinks will soon open the fall season.

Now that the bugs who were hurt

SPECIAL NOTICES

BANKRUPT SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Trustee by order entered by Honorable B. L. Butcher, Referee in Bankruptcy, in the matter of C. G. Leonard and Brother, partners as C. G. Leonard and Brother, bankrupts, entered on the 28 day of August, 1916, the undersigned trustee will on the

23rd day of September, 1916, at 10 o'clock p. m. at the C. G. Leonard and Brother store on Pennsylvania avenue, in the City of Fairmont, Marion county, West Virginia, offer and expose for sale the following personal property, the stock of goods located in said store room, and the fixtures consisting of three pairs of scales, three show cases, one cheese case and outer two paper racks, one hose and fork rack, one wrap rack, one meat block, one McCaskey account register, and numerous other small articles, also one horse and wagon. Terms cash.

HERBERT MORRIS, Trustee.

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in the grand stand collapse at Colorado Springs Labor day are beginning to seek damages it appears as if the loser of the Welsh-White fight was the promoter.

"Burr, Harvard Guard, Must Give Up Football."—Headline. The young man's folks told him he'd have to stick to his class-work.

Double Header At South Side Today

This afternoon at the South Side park the Monongah Glass baseball team will play a double header with the Byron Outlaws. The first game was called at two o'clock. Burns of the locals, began the first game while Joyce will twirl the second. After these games are finished all attention will be turned towards developing a fast football team to represent the Glass house this season.



The West Virginian is on sale every evening at the following places: BUTCHER & BATTERFIELD, Street Car Station. WATSON BUILDING NEWS STAND, Main entrance Watson Building. FAIRMONT NEWS CO., 124 1/2 Main Street. CLYDE S. HOLT, Main Street. MORAN & SPRINGER, corner Bridge and Water streets. J. H. MCLOSKEY, corner Sixth and Locust avenue. A. G. MARTIN, Main street. HAMILTON DRUG CO., corner Tenth and Virginia avenue. JAMES GALLIHER, corner Twelfth and Virginia avenue. MORRIS NEWS CO., Main street.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT
FOR NORMAL TEAMFirst Day of Normal Practice
Pleases Coach
Bell

"I believe that the prospect for a winning team was never brighter than at present." This is the way Coach Ernest Bell sizes up his material for the Normal football squad. There were about one dozen men in uniform out yesterday and the afternoon was spent in pulling down passes and chasing punts. Most of the men on the field yesterday were new recruits and showed up to a great advantage. The new suits were distributed and there are several of the last years' team who have not reported for practice but are expected the first of next week. Salvati, Ridgely, Smallwood, Hamilton, Miller, Burns, Snodgrass, Gregg, Tennant, Marshall, Haymond, and Allen were the ones to whom new suits were given.

The team will hold practice each day at South Side park and on days when the weather is unfit for outdoor work the team will have blackboard practice. The first game is scheduled for September 30. Until this game there will not be a moment's let up on the hard practice that has been mapped out by the coach. New men are arriving each day and by the time for the first game the Normal school will be represented by one of the strongest teams that ever worked under the "Yellow and White."

Baseball in Nutshell

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Yesterday's Results.
Brooklyn 8, Pittsburgh 1 (called at end of fifth rain); Cincinnati 3, New York 0 (called in fifth rain; not legal game. Chicago-Boston, rain. St. Louis-Philadelphia, rain.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.
W. L. Pct.
Brooklyn 30 64 .327
Philadelphia 27 66 .293
Boston 25 68 .267
New York 23 70 .247
Pittsburgh 21 72 .229
Cincinnati 19 74 .206
St. Louis 17 76 .187
Cincinnati 15 78 .158

Today's Schedule.
Pittsburgh at New York (2).
Cincinnati at Brooklyn (2).
Chicago at Philadelphia (2).
St. Louis at Boston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Yesterday's Results.
Chicago 3, Washington 2; Detroit 4, New York 2; Boston 3, St. Louis 3; Cleveland 3, Philadelphia 2.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.
W. L. Pct.
Boston 29 63 .317
Detroit 21 60 .256
Chicago 20 60 .250
New York 19 61 .238
St. Louis 18 62 .227
Cleveland 17 63 .216
Washington 16 64 .205
Philadelphia 15 65 .194

Today's Schedule.
Boston at Chicago.
Washington at St. Louis.
New York at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at Detroit.

Uncle Eben.
"De man dat's allus sayin' what he'd do if he was in somebody else's place," said Uncle Eben, "mebbe 'specially when doin' nuffin' much on his own account."

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